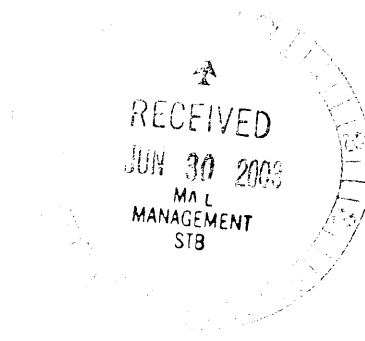


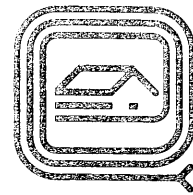
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1925 K Street, N.W., Suite 500
Washington, DC 20423

Re: Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Company Abandonment, AB-227, Sub-No. 9X
Harrison and Jefferson Counties, Ohio

Dear Ms. Ghosh,

This is in response to correspondence from your office dated April 24, 2003 (received April 28) transmitting the Memorandum of Agreement for our signature for the above referenced project. The comments of the Ohio Historic Preservation Office (OHPO) are submitted in accordance with provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 [36 CFR 800]). We have signed the MOA and retained one copy for our records. Enclosed please find two signed copies for your files and to send to the railroad. Also enclosed is a photocopy of the MOA for you to send to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Please remember that all MOAs must be filed with the ACHP.

Any questions concerning this matter should be addressed to David Snyder at (614) 298-2000, between the hours of 8 am. to 5 pm. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

David Snyder, Archaeology Reviews Manager
Resource Protection and Review

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